

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS		
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	4.9	
Hours flown	17.9	
Monthly offset	13.0	
909th Air Refueling Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	78.0	
Hours flown	62.9	
Monthly offset	-15.1	
67th Fighter Squadron		
Monthly sortie contract	114.8	
Sorties flown	137.6	
Monthly offset	22.8	
44th Fighter Squadron		
Monthly sortie contract	81.0	
Sorties flown	125.0	
Monthly offset	44.0	
33rd Rescue Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	43.3	
Hours flown	31.0	
Monthly offset	12.3	
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 5		

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Cloudy with rainshowers
NE winds @ 10-20 knots
High: 68 Low: 61

SATURDAY: Cloudy with rainshowers
E winds @ 10-20 knots
High: 70 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy
NE winds @ 10-18 knots
High: 72 Low: 64

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=Y115 SELLING: Y121=\$1

Trading places

Japanese NCOs 'intern' with Kadena professionals

By Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Fidler
18th Wing Public Affairs

Could something as simple as tying engine wires by hand instead of by tool bring two allies closer together? For Staff Sgt. Aiko Koba and Senior Airman Airica Velazquez, it means gaining a greater appreciation for what they do for their respective air force.

Sergeant Koba is one of seven Japanese Air Self-Defense Force noncommissioned officers on duty here since March 13 as part of the U.S. Air Force-JASDF Bilateral Exchange Program. Each of the seven works alongside a Kadena NCO in a similar career field during the 10-day program.



Air Force/Airman Kelly Timney
Japan Air Self-Defense Force Staff Sgt. Shigeru Kuzuhara and Air Force Staff Sgt. Glenn Young of the 18th Communications Squadron pose in front of a mural at the 18th CS cable repair shop. Sergeant Kuzuhara, assigned to Nyutaburu AB, Japan, is one of seven Japanese NCOs visiting Kadena as part of an exchange program designed to share culture and work ethic and gain a better understanding of each others' operations.

"{Sergeant Koba} has taught me more than I have probably taught her," said Air-

man Velazquez, an F-15 engine mechanic with the 18th Component Maintenance

Squadron. "She has worked on these engines before, so it's really helped me out."

One of the new tricks involves tying safety wires on the engine. Certain bolts on engines have safety holes into which wires are tied to make sure the bolts don't come out during flight.

"We use a tool to do the twists," said Airman Velazquez. "Twelve twists per inch. Sergeant Koba is very picky. She ties them by hand, and she's just as fast. It shows more discipline and respect for the work."

Sergeant Koba, who is trained to work on 8 types of engines, downplays the event. "I'm not so good {at it}," she said humbly.

It might not change the technical order for tying safety bolts, but it's designed to enhance NCO relationships, See EXCHANGE, Page 4

Open wide

Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary M. Edwards, Jr.
Senior Airman Melissa A. DelaRosa cleans the teeth of Tech. Sgt. Richard Herrera during a routine dental appointment. Medics say dental care is an essential part of mobility readiness. The dental clinic is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Airman DelaRosa is assigned to the 18th Dental Squadron and Sergeant Herrera is assigned to the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron.

5 Shoguns at Kadena win 5th Air Force awards

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan – Five Shoguns received the 2005 5th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year awards during a ceremony at Yokota Air Base, Japan, recently.

Airman 1st Class Mark Hughes of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron received the 5th Air Forces Airman of the Year award for broadening his flight's capabilities by earning licenses on seven response vehicles and completing 136 hours of a national emergency medical technician course. Airman Hughes also became Kadena's Fire and Emergency Services Firefighter of the Year, in competition against 143 other firefighters.

For actions while serving in Iraq, Tech. Sgt. Richard Snider received the 5th Air Force Non-commissioned Officer of the Year award. Sergeant Snider, assigned to the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, cleared the kill-zone and radioed for a medivac after surviving an Impro-

vised Explosive Device detonation while on a convoy. His actions saved the lives of three Airmen.

Senior Master Sgt. Graham Smith from the 18th Communications Squadron received the award for 5th Air Force First Sergeant of the Year. Sergeant Smith began two 3-week leadership courses that taught 425 combat leaders. In addition, he built 16 committees as president of the First Sergeant Council. Sergeant Smith also led a 40-member inspection team of Kadena Middle and High Schools.

For outstanding leadership, professional skills and military bearing, Capt. Michelle L. Pryor was chosen 5th Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Year. Captain Pryor is a KC-135 instructor pilot with the 909th

Air Refueling Squadron. Last year, Captain Pryor commanded Coronet 963 during a typhoon evacuation and delivered Pacific Command's historic support of three B-52s to Operation Enduring Freedom.

Randall Kimura received the 5th Air Force Category II Civilian of the Year award. The Category II award recognizes civilian employees who are equivalent to company grade and field grade officers.

Mr. Kimura, translated over 50 Japanese shop manuals and updated 230 items for the recurring work program. He found and corrected 77 deficiencies.

All will compete in the Pacific Air Forces' Outstanding Airman of the Year competition.



Hughes



Snider



Smith



Pryor



Kimura



Our Air Force family loses a Kadena Airman

By Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton
18th Wing commander

We lost a member of our U.S. military and Air Force family this past weekend.

Shortly after midnight last Friday, the car Airman 1st Class Roger Stewart was driving impacted a concrete abutment



in Uruma. We don't know all of the circumstances, yet, but we do know he lost control of his vehicle.

As a result of his injuries, Roger passed away Sunday morning at the Camp Lester U.S. Naval Hospital at the age of 21.

The heartfelt condolences and prayers of Team Kadena go to his wife and his family back home. To the men and women of the 18th Communications Squadron, to his friends and co-workers, you have the full support of your teammates here at Kadena. I

urge all who knew him to speak with friends and base counselors as you work through this trying period.

We suffered a significant setback for our great team with the tragic loss of this fine Airman.

I urge everyone to pause and reflect upon this loss and the nature of the accident, to make renewed personal commitments to driving safely on and off base, and to recommit to looking out for one another as wingmen here at Kadena as we protect America and her allies.

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

By Gen. T. Michael Mosley
Air Force chief of staff

Sunday marked the 3rd anniversary of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the removal of an oppressive, dangerous regime. This was the culmination of a joint and coalition intense effort on land, sea, and air. I want to take this moment to say thanks for all your sacrifices... and to let you know that you are doing awesome work.

In OIF, within the Joint Force, our Total Force – active, guard, and reserve Airmen – grounded the Iraq Air Force, destroyed the combat effectiveness of the Iraqi ground forces, blinded the Hussein leadership and paved the way for a series of ground battles that saw Baghdad fall in 22 days.

Your innovation and flexibility made the difference, whether it was Airmen

decisively striking Republican Guard formations; in orbits over every Iraqi airfield; embedded with ground forces; launching and orbiting satellites high overhead; controlling armed UAVs; or airlifting critical supplies and troops.

And today, you continue to provide air support to the Combatant Commanders around the world, while also flawlessly performing non-traditional missions like base defense and convoy operations.

Your contributions to the spread of freedom and democracy did not begin three years ago; the Air Force has been at war continuously for over fifteen years -- since the opening rounds of Operation Desert Storm and through twelve years of no-fly zone operations.

And although Iraq is receiving the majority of attention, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation NOBLE EAGLE remain critical to winning this Long War.

The Global War on Terror has now lasted 10 months longer than our Nation fought in World War II. This is a joint fight, across the world where we have a vital role.

Meanwhile, things have been fairly quiet on the home front, and that's good.

That means we are doing our job well.

You are protecting America by monitoring intelligence, sitting alert, and flying patrols over our cities.

By protecting our homeland and fighting the enemy on their turf, you are keeping your family, friends, and the American public safe. Our mission is to fly and fight and win our nation's wars -- and you're doing just that.

You are making a difference. I am proud of you. America is proud of you.

You are helping to rebuild countries and protect fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan, while keeping America out of harm's way.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Pakistani earthquake, Philippine landslides and, most recently, floods in Hawaii, brought out your best as well, as you pitched in side by side with allies and joint partners providing humanitarian relief across the globe and in our own backyard.

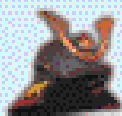
You are the most combat experienced, battle-hardened Airmen since WWII.

You are successfully doing whatever is asked of you across the domains of air, space, and cyberspace – you are always there.

Thanks for all that you're doing -- it matters. Your tireless efforts keep this the best Air Force the world has ever seen, ready to lead or support the joint fight anywhere, anytime.

You are making it happen in Iraq, Afghanistan, in the skies over America, and anywhere our Nation needs us.

Keep it up and keep 'em flying!



SHOGUN WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Editor's note : Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



Senior Airman April D. Herrington

Unit: 961st Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Hometown: Arlington, Texas

Reason for nomination: As equipment manager for the 961st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, she flawlessly kept track of \$2.5 million in assets which enabled first-rate maintenance for E-3 AWACS aircraft.

Time at Kadena: 9 months



Staff Sgt. Calvin S. Smith

Unit: 961st Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Hometown: Rogers, Ark.

Reason for nomination: Expertly managed nine different programs while maintaining strict standards in the upkeep of a facility valued at more than \$10 million and transportation assets valued at more than \$150,000. Also ensures adherence to stringent safety guidelines.

Time at Kadena: 2 years

**Don't drink
& drive**
It has been...
16 days
since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.
60 days = 18th Wing 'Down Day'



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Public Affairs Chief.....Lt. Col. Michael Paoli

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This week in 18th Wing History

• On March 23, 2001, the Air Mobility Command leadership redesignated Kadena's 633rd Air Mobility Support Squadron as the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron. This unit manages the arriving and departing flights at Kadena.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know – 21 to 34-year-old drivers are responsible for nearly 60 percent of all alcohol-related vehicle crashes?

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP: When time comes around to purchase new computer monitors, choose the smallest monitor that meets your needs. A 17-inch monitor consumes 35 percent more electricity than a 14-inch monitor.

COURT-MARTIAL: An 18-year master sergeant was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, demotion to airman basic and two months confinement by a military judge after pleading guilty to cheating on a promotion test in 2004 during a special court-martial here Monday.

Master Sgt. Ulysses S. Dotson of the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron at Kadena, who is currently confined in the brig at Camp Hansen on Okinawa, admitted to possessing controlled test materials before an examination under the Weighted Airman Promotion System in March 2004 while assigned to Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

Air Force prosecutors charged that Sergeant Dotson used an advance copy of the test to cheat on exams designed to assess job-related and general military knowledge in 2004 and was wrongfully promoted in April 2005 to master sergeant based on his high scores.

Sergeant Dotson received the tests in early February 2004 from his former supervisor, another master sergeant, at Rhein-Main. That supervisor received a dishonorable discharge, demotion to airman basic and a three and a half-

year prison sentence for his involvement in the cheating scam.

"Our enlisted force depends on the integrity and security of our promotion testing system, a system that dictates not only their careers but the quality of their lives," said Capt. Andrew Griffin, 18th Wing lead prosecutor for the case.

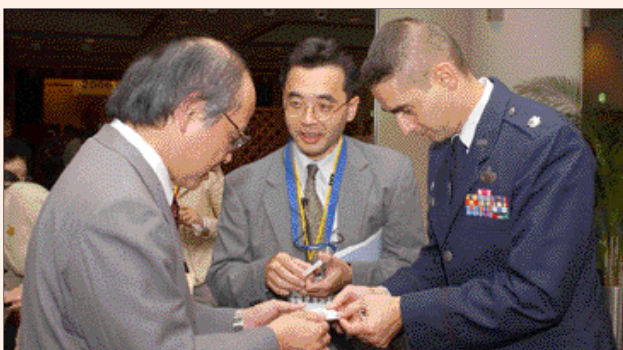
"His cheating cost another Airman a promotion and he took from her the one thing that can never be recovered, recognition for her accomplishments," said Captain Griffin. "His actions were an affront to every one of our Airmen who serve with integrity, and they cost him his career and his freedom."

MANDATORY BRIEFINGS: Mandatory briefings on the future of Virtual MPF -- the on-line military personnel flight -- are scheduled for Monday at 8 and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the base theater.

All Kadena Airmen must attend one of these briefings that will explain how Airmen will begin using the Virtual MPF for routine personnel transactions.

Starting March 31, some personnel transactions will no longer be conducted in-person at the Military Personnel Flight. "The Personnel Services Delivery transformation uses technology to put more control of personnel actions into Airmen's hands," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Arnold, MPF superintendent. "These easy-to-use and accessible tools will minimize the need for face-to-face assistance for your personnel transactions, and put you more in control for managing your career information."

It's just business



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary M. Edwards, Jr. Lt. Col. Mario Troncosco, 18th Contracting Squadron commander, accepts a business card from Mitsuaki Kawajo, vice president of the Regional Employment Opportunity Council of Naha City, while Sunao Toguchi, a member of Mr. Kawajo's staff watches the exchange. The Okinawan Business Committee presented the 18th Contracting Squadron with a certificate of appreciation for being a good business partner and encouraging relations with local community businesses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Kadena's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Committee is looking for volunteers to plan and support this year's observance month in May. The next meeting will be held in the 18th Communications Squadron's conference room on Thursday at 9 a.m. Civilian employees and family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ignacio Donoyano at 634-4739, or Master Sgt. Marivic Patton at 634-4240.

CLIMATEASSESSMENT: The Military Equal Opportunity office will begin conducting a unit climate assessment survey of the 18th Wing on Monday. The assessment will include all military personnel, NAF and civil service personnel assigned to the 18th Wing.

Units with fewer than 100 members will have one week to complete the survey, units with 101-300 members assigned will have two weeks, and units with over 300 members will have three weeks to complete the survey.

The purpose of this wing-wide assessment is to assist the 18th Wing commander in determining the human relations climate at Kadena.

Participation in the survey is strictly voluntary and anonymous; however, commanders at all levels should encourage unit participation in this process.

All unit POCs for this process will provide each unit member (civilians and military) a UCA password letter; each letter will contain a unique password code and instructions on how to gain access to the survey. Wing members can complete

the survey at work or at home, as long as they have Internet access.

Additionally, everyone will have the opportunity to provide comments at the end of each assessment area. Written comments are extremely useful to determine positive or negative trends.

Survey results will be consolidated by Human Resources Technologies, Inc. in Alexandria, VA, and analyzed by a team at Kadena.

If you have any questions concerning this process please contact the MEO office at 634-2571.

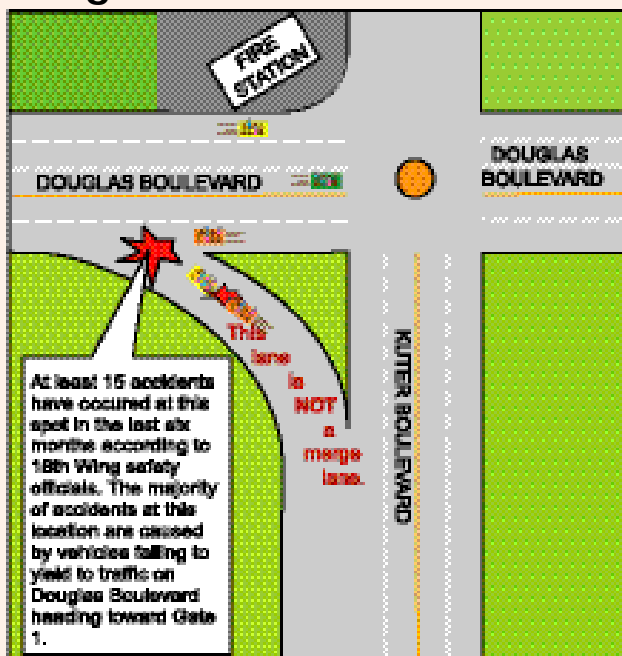
EARLY RELEASE: The following schools will release their students early or have no school on the following dates and times:

- Kadena Middle School will dismiss students at 10:30 a.m. March 31 for parent teacher conferences.
- Bob Hope Primary School will close school to students March 31 while teachers hold an in-service day to discuss a new math curriculum.
- Amelia Earhart Intermediate School will close school to students March 31 while teachers hold an in-service day to discuss a new math curriculum.

WOMEN'S HISTORY: A family fun walk will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday behind the Risner Fitness Center for Women's History Month. Games and prizes will be available.

• A Woman's History Month breakfast will be held Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the Rocker NCO Club. Call 630-4505 for more information.

Dangerous intersection



Air Force/Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

Safety officials say what commonly happens at this intersection is that a first vehicle is stopped waiting to merge onto Douglas Boulevard when a second car from behind -- looking to see if cars are on Douglas -- fails to see the car stopped in front of them and collides into it.

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

• Japan and the United States agreed in principle to observe existing limits on the maximum number of days for Japan-U.S. joint training at Japanese bases—228 days annually—when transferring some F-15 fighter training from the U.S. Air Force's Kadena Air Base, government sources said Monday. Since training from Misawa and Iwakuni will also be dispersed, training of Kadena aircraft at mainland bases will be less than 100 days. Japan is likely to bear the cost for the relocations, the sources said. The move will take place as part of efforts by Tokyo and Washington to realign U.S. forces in Japan to reduce burdens, especially on Okinawa, while maintaining U.S. deterrence. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and the Japan Defense Agency Director General are believed to be working toward finalizing details of the realignment to meet a March 31 deadline, government sources said Monday.

• The United States and Japan have also agreed in transformation discussions to

return the Army Fuel Storage Facility near Kadena to Japan. Loud aircraft noise, however, is heard day and night around the area because it's located right under the base approach pattern. Recently both Mayor Tokujitsu Miyagi of Kadena Town and Mayor Masaharu Noguni of Chatan Town said they were perplexed by the government's intentions, and that it might be difficult to use the land even if it is returned.

• It was clarified recently that the return of Camp Kinser will not be included in the transformation final report. The U.S. and Japanese governments could not agree to a relocation site. Although Japan is predominantly looking at the Kadena Munitions Storage Area for Kinser relocation, there is a difference in views between the two governments regarding the extent and scale of the return.

• The 58th Annual Okiten [Okinawa Art Exhibition] opened Sunday at the Urasoe City Gymnasium. The exhibition of elementary and high school student art runs through April 2 and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is ¥1,000 yen for adults and ¥500 for children.



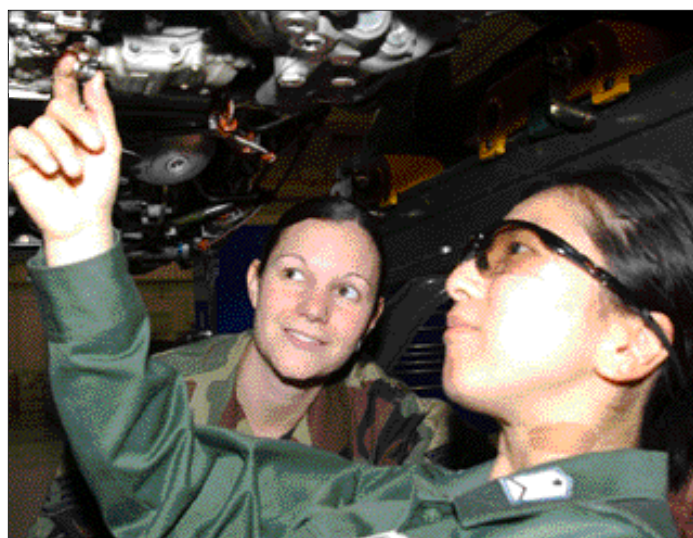
Air Force

Japan Air Self-Defense Force Staff Sgt. Shigeru Kuzuhara and Air Force Staff Sgt. Glenn Young work on telephone lines during an NCO exchange program at Kadena. Sergeant Kuzuhara is assigned to Nyutaburu AB, Japan, and Sergeant Young is assigned to the 18th Communications Squadron.



Air Force/Amn. Kasey Zickmund

Japan Air Self-Defense Force Staff Sgt. Mariko Shiroy and Air Force Staff Sgt. Melanie Aylward review spreadsheets at the 18th Operations Support Squadron as part of an NCO exchange program at Kadena.



Air Force/Amn. Kasey Zickmund

Japan Air Self-Defense Force Staff Sgt. Aiko Koba and Air Force Staff Sgt. Tatiana Albrecht inspect the undercarriage of a motor vehicle.

EXCHANGE: 'work ethic, new ideas & cross culture values'

Continued from Page 1

share culture and professional military ideas, and gain a better understanding of allied operations.

This exchange is one of dozens that have occurred since 1996. Headquarters 5th Air Force at Yokota AB, Japan, manages and plans the program from a strategic perspective. Exchanges occur at Misawa and Yokota Air Bases in Japan, as well.

"This program provides members of the U.S. Air Force and JASDF an opportunity to continue to learn about each other, their militaries, their nations and their cultures," said Chief Master Sgt. James

A. Roy, command chief master sergeant for 5th AF and U.S. Forces Japan. "One of the greatest benefits of an assignment here is the opportunity to live and work together with our Japanese partners and continue to build a strong alliance. Our very strong alliance is key to combating terrorism and defending Japan."

Since it's a bilateral exchange program, the JASDF reciprocates. In February, Kadena sent six NCOs to Nyutabaru Air Base on mainland Japan to spend 10 days working alongside their JASDF counterparts at the Japanese F-15 base.

According to Master Sgt.

Thomas Scott, the 18th Wing bilateral coordinator, the program "allows American and Japanese air force members the opportunity to exchange work ethics and new ideas, cross cultural values, and improve social community relations."

He has helped put together NCO exchanges here since 2001. "I have yet to hear any participant say anything that would demonstrate anything other than that this is an awesome program," he explained. "One thing they all do have in common is that they wish their coworkers could have shared in such a great opportunity and experience. If given the chance, they would all do

it again."

At Kadena's Okinawa Radar Approach Control (or RAPCON) Center, Staff Sgt. Masahiro Cho and Tech. Sgt. Shin Kawahara, both airborne traffic surveillance specialists for the JASDF, observed how U.S. controllers send out advisories and safety messages to all aircraft coming in and out of Okinawa. "We have identified some improvements, making communications quicker," said Senior Airman Chris Weber, one of the controllers sponsoring the JASDF NCOs.

This enhanced interoperability streamlines the communication process. "We learn more about the coordi-

nation aspect, which is one of the most important things we do," explained Master Sgt. Richard Scafe, a RAPCON watch supervisor. "Not only do we understand how they do this on their end, it's helpful to us that they see how we handle the aircraft on this end. It is actually helping me to work better with them on a daily basis."

As a result of his experience, Sergeant Kawahara said he has now overcome his fear of speaking English. "Conversation in English is very exciting. I am not afraid to speak English now. Understanding each other is important, and in the future I will understand the U.S. Air Force better."

CMSAF speaks about future changes in Air Force

By Senior Airman
Vanessa Young
48th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

RAF LAKENHEATH, United Kingdom (AFPN) -- As threats against the United States evolve, Airmen can expect the Air Force to evolve as well, said the Air Force's senior enlisted member during his visit here March 10.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray talked about the Air Force's evolution and the initiatives leadership is taking to modernize the Air Force and its Airmen.

"We've changed in the past, and we are going to continue to undergo change in the future," Chief Murray said. "We've always been an evolving force."

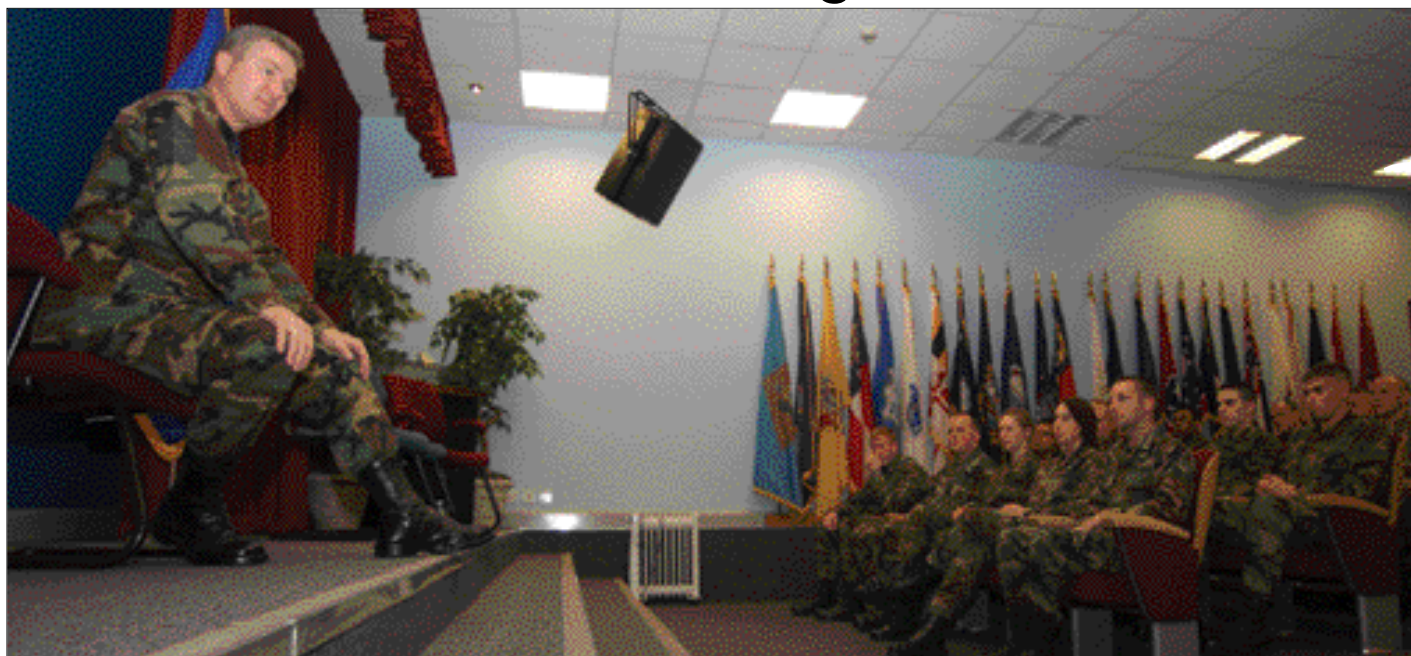
He said as new technology and new equipment are introduced, Airmen will see a reduction in the personnel structure.

Some Air Force specialty codes will realign, some will decrease and some will grow to meet demands.

"We have some numbers floating out there that indicate in the next five years we may be 40,000 (fewer) Airmen than we are today," he said. "Toward the summer, I think we'll be able to give the Air Force a clearer snapshot about where we want to go with that."

The chief said Air Force leadership has looked at the deployment aspects of our combat expeditionary requirements and plans to create a balance for those career fields deploying longer and more frequently than others.

And, as the Army trans-



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Kristi Emler

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray speaks to Airmen attending the Mathies Airman Leadership School during his visit to RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, Friday, March 10. He spoke to the Class 2006-D Airmen about mentorship, force shaping and the steady increases in military pay compared to the civilian environment.

forms its structure, the Air Force will provide more tactical air control, combat weather and air operations support to the Army, Chief Murray said.

As an advocate for the enlisted force, the chief said there are many upcoming improvements for Airmen.

From the fundamentals at basic training to the command senior enlisted leader course for chief master sergeants, professional military education programs will continue to evolve and improve.

"Our PME is the greatest in the world," the chief said. "But it can be better sequenced for the needs of our Airmen as we shape for the future."

Bases across the Air Force have standardized professional development centers over the last few years. Air Force

leadership started with the basics, extending basic training from six and a half weeks to eight and a half weeks.

In the future, the chief said basic training will include more information about the enemies the U.S. is fighting, and will incorporate lessons learned from Afghanistan, Iraq and other contingency areas around the world.

Along with improving PME and training, leadership is also developing education programs to prepare Airmen to work in joint-service environments.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Gen. Peter Pace recently approved the implementation of the Joint Professional Military Education program.

"This [JPME] requires all services to evaluate and ensure we have joint educa-

tion throughout our ranks from the youngest Airman to the most senior NCO," Chief Murray said. "It has a joint professional military education course for senior NCOs who are assigned to joint commands. And we've implemented a senior-level course primarily for chief master sergeants, sergeants major and master chief petty officers who will serve at the most senior levels in a joint task force or joint organization."

In addition to joint service training, air and space expeditionary force deployments continue to send Airmen around the world.

"It doesn't matter today if you are serving in the United Kingdom, in the southeastern United States or in Japan because we are a global force," the chief said. "Serving in the United Kingdom doesn't mean

the mission focus is just on Europe; it's serving as a global expeditionary force no matter where home station may be. An Airman serving in the United Kingdom could also serve in Iraq, Afghanistan or Africa."

Throughout his visit, the chief expressed his gratitude to all servicemembers and their families.

"I have nothing but the greatest appreciation for what our Airmen are doing," he said. "It is amazing the experience and commitment we continue to have from our Airmen. It's a busy force, there's a lot going on in the world, there are a lot of demands that are placed for those of us who are serving in the military, and our people are doing absolutely great."

Air Force to get aggressive about combat training levels

WASHINGTON -- To become the best Airmen in the world, the Air Force trains against the best Airmen in the world.

Aggressors, as they're known, have traditionally focused on aircrews, but in the near future, the Air Force is expanding instruction to encompass ground, space and cyberspace training.

"Aggressors are about training, pure and simple," said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air, space and information operations. The 57th Adversary Tactics Group at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., has managed this type of training since 1972.

The threat, however, is no longer just air-to-air or surface-to-air.

Airmen must be prepared against different types of attacks. In addition to the F-15 Eagles and F-16 Fighting Falcons the 57th flies, there are aggressors for space, cyberspace and information operations.

In fact, this type of training is so important the Air Force has dedicated aggressors to operate as potential adversaries in every realm the service operates.

Even information operation aggressors will train Airmen to counter tactics like enemy propaganda and false rumors, General Seip said.

While the tactics group will be the managing organization, Nellis isn't the only place Airmen will receive aggressor training.

Geographically separated space and information operations units will also conduct and receive the training.

When its Airmen aren't preparing for training exercises at Nellis, the 57th will send its aggressors on "road shows" to various bases.

The tours will ensure Airmen who need the training will get it, General Seip said.

"Regardless of their job in the Air Force, we need to do everything to make it possible for our expeditionary Airmen to succeed," General Seip said.

Mirror-image marshalling



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

Master Sgt. Salvador Baltazar marshals in Hickam's third C-17 Globemaster III at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, March 14. Hickam will be getting eight C-17s that will enhance military capabilities to rapidly deploy assets throughout the Pacific. Sergeant Baltazar is a Hawaii Air National Guard crew chief from the 154th Maintenance Squadron.

Belly dancing



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards
Motoko Akutsu (right), Crystal Cook, Gina Edwards and Michelle Vasquez of BellyFusia, a belly dance troupe, perform a Middle Eastern dance at the Banyan Tree Club Saturday. The dancers perform routines from the cultures of India, the Middle East and Africa. Belly dancing is one of the oldest forms of dance with roots based in ancient cultures. For more information on happenings at the Banyan Tree Club call 634-2212.

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

* First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.

Keystone Theater

▲ Friday..... Glory Road, PG, 6 p.m.
*Running Scared, R, 9 p.m.

▲ Saturday.. Tristan & Isolade, PG-13, noon
Glory Road, PG, 4 p.m.
*Running Scared, R, 7 p.m.

▲ Sunday..... Tristan & Isolade, PG-13, noon
Glory Road, PG, 4 p.m.
*Running Scared, R, 7 p.m.

▲ Monday.... Tristan & Isolade, PG-13, 7 p.m.

▲ Tuesday..... Glory Road, PG, 7 p.m.

▲ Wednesday.. ..Tristan & Isolade, PG-13, 7 p.m.

▲ Thursday... *16 Blocks, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

▲ Friday..... *16 Blocks, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Hostel, R, 10 p.m.

▲ Saturday... Cheaper by the Dozen 2, PG, 1 p.m.
Rumor Has It, PG-13, 4 p.m.
*16 Blocks, PG-13, 7 p.m.
*The Last Holiday, R, 10 p.m.

▲ Sunday..... Cheaper by the Dozen 2, PG, 1 p.m.
Narnia, PG, 4 p.m.
*16 Blocks, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Saturday

KADENA TENNIS CENTER: Mixed doubles open division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER: Movie on the lawn at Marek Park begins at 7 p.m. Movies will be Shrek and Shrek II.

Sunday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

KADENA TENNIS CENTER: Mixed doubles open division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Bingo from 6 to 9 p.m.
• Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections Lounge.

Monday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.
• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Classic and modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

Tuesday

BANYAN TREE

Wednesday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

Thursday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Line dance lessons at 7 p.m., Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.
• Reggae from 5 to 7 p.m., Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER: Family night from 6 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and board games.

April 1

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Battle of the Band from 1 to 8 p.m. Top three winners will play at Rock Stock 2006.

• Texas Hold ‘Em tournament begins at 3 p.m.

• Powerhouse Bingo from noon to 2:30 p.m.

TOURS: Castle Ruin Exploration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• Naha Fish and Farmers Market from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 2

TOURS: Northern Battle Sites from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• Bios on the Hill and Manzamo Cliff from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 3

TOURS: Northern Battle Sites from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• Bios on the Hill and Manzamo Cliff from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 4

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Membership appreciation night from 5 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom. Free buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. Entertainment and prizes from 7 to 9 p.m. Adults only.

TOURS: Northern Battle Sites from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• Bios on the Hill and Manzamo Cliff from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 5

TOURS: Tea ceremony from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 7

TOURS: Chura-U bath house tour from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 8

Teen Center: Hip Hop from

C H A P E L

Catholic

▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.

▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.

▲ Sunday : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Protestant

▲ Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.

▲ Sunday : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.
Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.

▲ Contemporary worship: Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.

▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486

▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027

▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219



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Miracle Met Ron Swoboda shows a local Japanese baseball coach and player the proper hold for a changeup pitch during a baseball clinic Sunday. Mr. Swoboda visited a variety of on-and off-base agencies during a week-long visit to Okinawa to help promote awareness for Kadena Special Olympics. Mr. Swoboda was a member of the "Miracle Mets" who won the 1969 World Series. He played outfield and is remembered for a catch in the fourth game of the 1969 World Series.



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Signing autographs at a variety of locations including United Service Organization outlets on Okinawa, Mr. Swoboda was out en force to meet troops from the Air Force and Marine Corps as well as baseball fans.



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Mr. Swoboda speaks to American high school students before throwing the first pitch of the DODDS-Okinawa baseball season.



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Wearing Mets memorabilia, Mr. Swoboda speaks to Japanese students at a baseball clinic.



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Mr. Swoboda meets with local Special Olympics athletes at Emery Lanes. He also toured Okinawa to help raise awareness for Kadena's Special Olympics scheduled for June 24.